

March 1, 2021

The Honorable Stephen Casey
Chair, House Committee on Health and Human Services
State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman Casey:

re: 21H-5431

Representative Ackerman

The Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS) enthusiastically supports this legislation and thanks Representative Ackerman for bring this issue to your committee.

The lack of a potential restroom availability is a life-limiting situation that faces many Rhode Islanders on a daily basis. Our fellow citizens that have been living with any of the "eligible medical conditions" know all too well that their medical condition is compounded by lack of restrooms in public places.

We urge the committee to place themselves in the place of a person who finds themselves without access to a restroom due to a medical condition and to act favorably on this legislation.

Sincerely,

Catherine A. Cummings, MD

President